GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TIME AND COST OVERRUNS ON HIGHWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several National Highway projects have incurred time and cost overruns;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year,State-wise; and

(c) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. 231 numbers of National Highway projects each costing more than Rs. 5.00 crore and above have incurred time and cost overruns during each of the last three years and the current year, the State-wise details are annexed.

(c) The corrective measures taken for expeditious implementation of the National Highway projects include regular monitoring at various level, appointment of nodal officer in each State for coordinating land acquisition, shifting of utilities and obtaining various clearances, simplification of process of issue of notification for land acquisition, appointment of an officer of Railways in National Highway Authority of India to coordinate with Railways, grant of advances to the Contractors and punitive action against the non-performing Contractors.